

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring. That the United States Congress be urged to maintain the integrity of the already established comprehensive aging service system by deleting the portion of the bill that would remove the Senior Nutrition Programs from this service system, thereby preserving the integrity of the Older Americans Act; and, be it

"Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia."

POM-90. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

"Whereas, there is an urgent need to modify federal mandates because the implementation of these mandates by the state wastes the financial resources of Wyoming school districts, the citizens of Wyoming and the state and does not properly respect the rights of the state, its school districts and citizens; and

"Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution directs that powers not delegated to the United States are reserved to the states or to the people; and

"Whereas, Wyoming, as one of the sovereign states within the union, has constitutional authority to enact laws protecting the environment of the state and safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wyoming; and

"Whereas, this authority has too often been ignored by the federal government which has intruded more and more into areas better left to the states; and

"Whereas, it is essential that the dilution of the authority of state and local governments be halted and that the provisions of the Tenth Amendment be accorded proper respect; and

"Whereas, current federal mandates, as reflected in P.L. 103-382, often do not reflect the realities of the Rocky Mountain region and federal regulators frequently do not understand the needs and priorities of the citizens of Wyoming; and

"Whereas, the citizens of this state can create and wish to create innovative solutions to Wyoming's problems, but Wyoming is currently denied the flexibility necessary to address these problems: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

"Section 1. The members of the Wyoming legislature strongly request the United States Congress to repeal the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.

"Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to United States Secretary of Education and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation."

POM-91. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

"Whereas, the people of Wyoming have benefited from the development of stronger and more accessible arts activity in every county of the state because of the assistance provided by the Wyoming Arts Council with support from the National Endowment for the Arts; and

"Whereas, NEA funding of \$601,300 in Fiscal Year 1994 combined with \$296,281 provided by the State helped generate \$12.3 million in cash from local Wyoming communities; and

"Whereas, the Fiscal Year 1994 audience for arts activities in Wyoming exceeded 1,135,000 citizens and tourists; and

"Whereas, beyond the intrinsic value of arts education, the teaching of art in the schools develops higher order thinking, creativity and problem solving in students or skills that carry over into all area of study; and

"Whereas, thousands of Wyoming school children of all ages benefit from quality arts activities assisted by NEA funding awarded through the Wyoming Arts Council; and

"Whereas, funding by the National Endowment for the Arts through the Wyoming Arts Council helps Wyoming artists gain regional and national attention; and

"Whereas, Direct National Endowment for the Arts funding assists some of Wyoming's major arts institutions who bring national and international attention to the state for their artistic achievements; and

"Whereas, National Endowment for the Arts funding in Wyoming and in other parts of the nation has enabled arts organizations to win matching support from private sources; and

"Whereas, all great nations support the arts knowing the arts are vital to a society's well-being and Congress in 1965 noted 'An advanced civilization must . . . give understanding of the past, a better analysis of the present, and a better view of the future.'; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the 1995 Wyoming House of Representatives and the Wyoming Senate do hereby encourage the Congress of the United States of America to reauthorize continuation of the National Endowment for the Arts and its sister agencies, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute for Museum Services, and to provide adequate funding to enable them to continue their leadership roles in our nation on behalf of our country's culture.

"It is further resolved, that the Secretary of State or Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation."

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PREVENT THE EROSION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS.

"Whereas, the veterans of the armed services of the United States have consistently risen above and beyond the call of duty to our Nation; and

"Whereas, in the selfless defense of democracy and the rights inherent in all men and women, the veterans of our Nation have made incalculable and unyielding sacrifices in the face of adversity and during the hardship of military conflict; and

"Whereas, the scars of war remain in the minds and bodies of those who have served our country bravely; and

"Whereas, the price of democracy and freedom is eternal vigilance and our Nation must always call and rely upon our armed services to preserve and expand these blessings; and

"Whereas, today, military personnel serve our Nation throughout the world in such places as Korea, the Middle East, Haiti and Somalia; and

"Whereas, there are those in our Nation presently who would propose to alter, modify

or diminish our solemn covenant to provide for the needs of those who perform military service on our behalf; and

"Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office, the Concord Coalition, the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform and the Office of Management and Budget have all recently advanced proposals before the Congress and the administration to reduce, restrict or eliminate those benefits provided to our veterans; and

"Whereas, this Nation owes a great debt to those men and women who have served and continue to serve on its behalf; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court expresses its grateful appreciation to those men and women who willingly gave their last ounce of devotion to their country to keep the light of freedom glowing for this and future generations and in furtherance of that appreciation the Massachusetts General Court urges the United States Congress to recognize the sacrifices of these men and women and to prevent the further erosion of those benefits provided to the veterans of our Armed Forces; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the presiding officers of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from this Commonwealth."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1995" (Rept. No. 104-26).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Government Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Governmental Affairs" (Rept. No. 104-27).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 384. A bill to require a report on United States support for Mexico during its debt crises, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 1999.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated: